

From: Shanna Eskeli
To: Storm, Bill (COMM);
Subject: Fwd: Nashwauk Power Line
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010 12:22:18 PM

----- Original Message -----

Bill,

Hi. My name is Shanna Eskeli and I talked to you in late September about the proposed power line in Nashwauk, MN. Our home, 15112 North Little Sweden Road, is slated to be placed directly under the proposed power line alternate route 1A. When I talked with you, our home was also not listed as an affected residence of the alternate route 1A. So, I wanted to make sure that was updated in the final draft EIS that will be coming out next month. In addition to being an additional house that was affected by the route it was obviously a concern for us because the power line cut as a "diagonal" across our 40 acres, going directly over our current residence. We have contacted MN Power with these concerns as well. Is there any additional things that we should do before the meeting in March? Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: Shanna Eskeli
To: Storm, Bill (COMM);
Subject: nashwauk power line
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 9:08:22 PM

Dear Bill,

I am writing this letter to reiterate a few points my husband, Eric, and I have made about the proposed power line in Nashwauk, Minnesota. First, on the initial study our residence was not included in the list of homes affected by route 1A, so are making sure our residence is listed as an affected home. This is of great importance because route 1A was proposed to cut across our 40 acres at a diagonal, directly over the top of our home. So, we are asking for route 1 to be the proposed route as route 1A would greatly affect our home and property, more so than any other property located on route 1A. Also, having three small children, ages 4, 2, and 1, we are also concerned about the health affects of our children living in direct proximity to a large power line. So, we would like to object to the proposed route that route 1A takes through Nashwauk. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: mjolsne@aol.com
To: Storm, Bill (COMM);
Subject: Give us an impact statement the show the real impact.
Date: Friday, March 26, 2010 1:51:15 AM

Bill,

Give us an impact statement the show the real impact not just something to passify us and the law. There is so much out there for studies that I can't believe all you could come up with is 1/2 of a page on EMF. Don't you think we deserve to know more then what the government requires you to produce when we are talking about human lives? I am sure the power company doesn't want you to put negative findings in you statement but isn't that was the statement is supposed to do, inform us of what the actual impact could be for us? It almost seems like a joke, that you are just doing this statement to comply with code and smooth things over with the public. You need to do what is right not just required. I do hope you never have to suffer knowing your children are chronically ill for the rest of their lives, but I bet if you did have a sick child that may have gotten sick from a power line you would rewrite your statement to make sure people knew the whole story. When I think of how we are being raped of our property and our health by the power company it makes me sick. I really don't know how you guys can sleep. And to sugar coat the impact statement because you can by law is just wrong. Beside I thought the statement was to provide the whole truth of the impact, and not just to write as little as you can get away with to make the Power Company look like this will be not problem for us. Obviously this impact statement is being written to make the Power Company happy and look good and not to provide the people of it's true effects. I do hope your conscience causes you to give us more information on the possible health effects we could be already suffering with. Besides haven't we already paid our dues by having to live with the current danger let alone doubling the danger.

This is an email address where you can find out more information about EMF.
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It was at the bottom of this artical http://www.buergerwelle.de/pdf/urgent_need_to_inform_doctors_parents.htm that talks about EMF lowering the immune system of mice exposed to emf. There is also stories simmiler to mine, my girls have an immune deficincy that caused there cancer.

<http://omega.twoday.net/stories/450192/>

<http://factoidz.com/insomnia-how-magnetic-fields-emf-can-cause-insomnia/>

<http://www.howtolearn.com/qlinkemf.html>

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March 24, 2010

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Re: In the Matter of Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission's Essar Steel High Voltage Transmission Line Project
MPUC Docket No. E280/TL-09-512

Dear Mr. Storm:

On February 12, 2010, the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) issued a Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and request for public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) relating to the route permit application by Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Power for a new high voltage transmission line (HVTL) known as the Essar Steel Transmission Line Project. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has reviewed the DEIS regarding the proposed transmission line project and submits the following comments in response to the Notice.

Based on our review of the DEIS, it appears that none of the proposed routes would run parallel to a Minnesota's trunk highway close enough to occupy a portion of the highway right of way. Therefore, as long as the routes and route widths described in the DEIS do not change, Mn/DOT does not anticipate further concerns regarding paralleling of state trunk highways. If you believe our assessment about the lack of proximity of the proposed routes to the trunk highway system is incorrect, please advise us immediately so that we can offer input on how the proposed route might impact the trunk highway system.

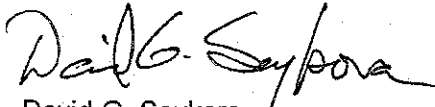
Route 1A appears to require a crossing over TH 65. Highway crossings by utilities generally do not pose insurmountable difficulties in issuing a permit, and Mn/DOT routinely grants such permits to a variety of types of utilities. These permits usually have conditions associated with them, such as placement of the poles so that they do not become a physical obstruction that might be struck by an errant vehicles or block the visibility of traffic. Mn/DOT also does not permit utilities to run diagonally across intersections and prefers that crossings occur as close to right angles as possible. Mn/DOT has a long history of working with utilities such as Nashwauk Public Utilities and Minnesota Power to establish appropriate conditions in locations where the utility seeks to cross a trunk highway. Mn/DOT does not anticipate encountering circumstances that would prevent it from being able to grant a permit, with appropriate conditions, for the HVTL proposed in this matter to cross TH 65.

Mn/DOT has adopted a formal policy and procedures for accommodation of utilities on the highway rights-of-way ("Utility Accommodation Policy"). A copy of Mn/DOT's policy can be found at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/files/pdf/appendix-b.pdf>.

Any HVTL construction work, including delivery or storage of structures, materials or equipment that may affect Mn/DOT right of way is of concern such that Mn/DOT should be involved in planning and coordinating such activities. If work is required within Mn/DOT right of way for temporary or permanent access, please coordinate with Elizabeth Wallin, District 1B Permits, at 218-742-1077 or liz.wallin@state.mn.us.

Mn/DOT has a continuing interest in working with the OES to ensure that possible impacts to highways, airports, waterways, rail lines and the environmentally significant areas of highway right of way are adequately addressed. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Seykora". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Seykora" clearly distinguishable.

David G. Seykora
Office of the Chief Counsel

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March 25, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Re: In the Matter of the Application for a High Voltage Transmission
Line Route Permit for the Essar Steel Transmission Project
OAH Docket No. 8-2500-20664-2
Docket No. E-280/TL-09-512

Dear Mr. Storm:

Joint Applicants, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Power, submit the following comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“DEIS”) issued by the Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security (“OES”) in February 2010 for the High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit for the Essar Steel Transmission Project. Applicants have reviewed the DEIS and commend the thorough and comprehensive nature of the DEIS. Applicants appreciate the time and effort that OES staff put into preparing the DEIS and submitting ahead of the proposed schedule.

Applicants provide the following suggestions regarding additional information or corrections that would be appropriate to supplement in the Final EIS.

Section 1.2 – Project Description and Location

In Section 1.2 on page 1-3, the DEIS describes how the Applicants can supply all of Essar Steel’s load needs if just a single transmission line is in service. Applicants would note that this is technically correct, but that a single transmission line would not be capable of supporting Essar Steel’s entire load without violating North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) standards.

Section 1.3 – Purpose and Need

In Section 1.3 the DEIS states that “the Applicants have filed for an exemption to the CON rules that govern the construction of new HVTLs.” In Section 2.2 of the Route Permit Application, the Applicants noted that the Essar Steel Transmission Project meets the CON exemption criteria under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 8(2) for construction of an HVTL that serves the demand of a single customer at a single location. However, Applicants have not filed for an exemption nor does the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s statutes and rules provide for such a process.

Section 1.6 - Route Width

In Section 1.6 on page 1-6 (paragraph 1), the DEIS states “new transmission lines would be located within the existing ROWs....” Applicants would note that the new transmission lines would be located adjacent to an existing transmission line for Route 2 and replace an existing transmission line for Route 3.

Section 1.8 – Schedule

Section 1.8 on page 1-6 states that the first phase of the Essar Steel project “is scheduled to be operational by spring 2011.” As set forth in the Direct Testimony of Bryan C. Adams dated March 1, 2010, the first phase of the Essar Steel project is scheduled to be operational by June 2012. See Adams Direct Testimony at page 4 and Schedule 1.

Also, the DEIS states the Route 3/3A line will be constructed as part of additional phases of the Proposed Project. However, the first transmission line to be built will be the one for Route 3/3A and is necessary for phase one of the Essar Steel project. In addition Route 4/4A will be part of the initial construction to connect the two new substations. Subsequent to this initial construction, Route 2/2A and Route 1/1A will be constructed to meet future Essar Steel project phases.

Section 1.9 – Project Cost

The DEIS provides the correct proposed construction costs for the Project as taken from Section 3.6.1 of the Route Permit Application. However, the DEIS states this is the “total estimated cost for the Proposed Project...” However, the costs in the DEIS do not include right-of-way acquisition. As described in Section 4.2.1 of the Route Permit Application, right-of-way acquisition costs are dependent on a number of factors, including whether there is a negotiated settlement with landowners or if right-of-way must be acquired through eminent domain proceedings.

Section 5.3.6.1 – Electric and Magnetic Fields

The text referencing Figure 5-3 on page 5-11 states the figure shows comparison of field strength, while the actual Figure 5-3 shows spectrum of different frequencies of EMF from low to high frequency.

Please contact me at the number below should you have questions related to this filing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Moeller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David R. Moeller

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE VIA
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Kristie Lindstrom of the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, says that on the 25th day of March, 2010, she served the Applicants' Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Docket No. E-280/TL-09-512 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Office of Energy Security via electronic filing. The parties on the attached service list were served as so indicated on the list.

/s/ Kristie Lindstrom

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 25th day of March, 2010.

/s/ Jodi Nash

Notary Public - Minnesota
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